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mation on fueling locations, acci-
dent forms and mileage reports.

Here are a few paragraphs taken from a CT DOT Request for Proposal that we thought you might be interested in.

2014 Clean Fuel Program

Introduction

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) has allocated funding that allows for the purchase of clean fuel vehicles and/or EPA approved diesel retrofit technologies. ConnDOT is seeking proposals from public entities that want to add alternative fuel vehicles (AFV), clean fuel vehicles (CFV) or diesel retrofit technologies (DRT) to their fleet operations. Typically, CFVs tend to operate as hybrid electric vehicles, or operate on compressed natural gas, propane or electricity.

The Connecticut Clean Fuel (CCF) program is intended to improve air quality, reduce our dependency on petroleum based fuels and enhance public awareness of alternative fuel based technologies in the automotive and transportation industries by providing incentives for entities to adopt clean fuel technologies. These technologies may also provide cost savings in purchased fuel and vehicle maintenance. Submitting a proposal does not guarantee that funding will be awarded.

Program Description

ConnDOT is seeking proposals from eligible applicants who want to add, operate, and maintain AFVs, CFVs or DRTs to their fleet operations. The CCF program has a secondary goal of increasing the awareness of AFVs, CFVs and DRTs availability and the availability of funding through ConnDOT for providing for the purchase of this equipment. Since the purchase cost of an AFV or CFV tends to be higher than the conventional gasoline or diesel powered vehicle, the CCF program intends to fund the incremental cost associated with the purchase of an AFV or CFV. It is important to note that only new Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) models are eligible for reimbursement.

Examples of AFVs or CFVs eligible for reimbursement

- Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV)
- Compressed natural gas vehicles (CNG)
- Electric vehicles (EV)
- Propane vehicles (LPG)

DOT has confirmed our interpretation that if a proposal is approved the fund will pay the difference in cost for the clean fuel technology over the regular model. This means that it may be possible to operate a hybrid, or electric, vehicle at the same monthly rate as for a gasoline version of the same vehicle.

As the vehicle owner, DAS will work with each interested agency to coordinate their information and then complete a consolidated proposal. If your agency would like to pursue one or more vehicles under this program we need to know as soon as possible, as the deadline is April 30. Therefore we request that you contact Jim or Frank no later than April 14 with the details.

Fleet Staffing Changes

We have news to report from the staffing front. The combination of two well-earned promotions, and being granted permission to fill some open positions, has translated into changes in our New Haven and Wethersfield repair facilities, in addition to our Hartford administrative office. Here's a recap:

New Haven

- **Al Landry**, formerly a Maintenance Supervisor 1 in Wethersfield, has been promoted to Maintenance Supervisor 2 at our New Haven facility. Al has been an employee of Fleet since 1994. He became a supervisor in December of 2005 and has been covering the open supervisor's position in New Haven for the past eight months. During this period Al has demonstrated the skills necessary to be successful in his new role. Fleet will now request permission to back-fill the Maintenance Supervisor 1 position.
- **Lineida (Lina) Torres** has accepted our offer to work in the New Haven location as an Office Assistant. Lina most recently worked at Carmax, handling a variety of duties related to customer service and vehicles. In this role she frequently interacted with maintenance, performed registration activities, and regularly used a fleet software program. Lina's experience will help her to quickly understand the many tasks of this diverse position.

Wethersfield

- **Randy Porter** joined our Wethersfield team on March 21 as a Storekeeper. Randy has more than 30 years of automotive parts experience, the last 24 having been at Dowling Ford where he most recently was their Assistant Parts Manager. Randy will be responsible for managing the delicate balance of cost, availability, and making sure that we stock the right number of parts necessary to complete the repair jobs that come through the door each and every day.

In welcoming Randy, we would be remiss not to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Rich Yeske**, a Wethersfield QCW, for having volunteered to cover this position for the two plus years since a retirement created an opening. During this period Rich's attention to detail and ability to follow-through made what might have been a very difficult period go far smoother than we could have hoped for. Great job, Rich!!

Hartford

- Several months back **Yanira Segarra** was promoted from Office Assistant to Fleet Operations Technician. Yanira began her state career seven years ago working part time in Agriculture. In the four years that she has been a fleet employee Yanira has demonstrated excellent customer service skills and proven herself to be proficient with both our fleet software and with various Microsoft applications that support our 3,500 vehicles.
- On March 21 **Amanda Nattinger** began her career in Fleet Operations as an Office Assistant. Her background of working in scheduling and dispatch functions for a fuel company has prepared Amanda for success in the diverse role that she has just begun. In addition to providing administrative support in Hartford, the plan is for Amanda to spend part of her work week in Wethersfield assisting with their administrative activities.